## **Institute of Certified Professional Managers (ICPM)**

### DANTES Test Centers' Authorization

The Institute of Certified Professional Managers (ICPM) authorizes military installations with DANTES test centers to administer the Certified Manager examination.

### **Background**

Founded in 1974 by members of the National Management Association, the International Management Council, and management educators, ICPM is governed by a Board of Regents comprised of executives, practitioners, and academicians.

ICPM is a not-for-profit international organization dedicated to raising competency and professionalism in the management field. Through its management certification programs, the Institute sets performance standards for managers within 1100 organizations and companies worldwide. The Institute also conducts research in the areas of management, management education, testing, and certification.

## **Address**

#### Address

Institute of Professional Managers James Madison University Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Phone: (703) 568-3247 Toll Free: 1-800-568-4120

# **Description**

Certified Manager (CM) Examination Description The CM exam measures knowledge in 42 competency areas, divided into three distinct tests:

- Personal skills,
- Administrative skills, and
- Interpersonal skills.

Tests are composed of three types of questions:

- Knowledge,
- Analytical, and
- Decision-making.

Each exam consists of 120 multiple-choice questions with a 2-hour time limit. Test questions have one correct answer among five choices. The chart below identifies the Certified Manager exam skill areas and number of questions:

CI 2II A	Multiple- Choice	Time
Skill Area	Questions	Limit
Personal Skills - tests candidates' under-	120	120 minutes
standing and application of:		
• Management roles,		
• Ethics,		
• Social responsibility,		
• Time management,		
Decision making,		
• Delegation,		
Stress management,		
Career planning, and		
• Leadership.		
Administrative Skills – measures a candidate's	120	120 minutes
understanding of:		
• Planning concepts,		
• Stewardship of resources,		
• Implementation of plans,		
• Establishing standards,		
Measuring performance, and		
Organizational structure and guidelines.		

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## **Description**, Continued

Certified Manager (CM) Examination Description The following chart identifies the skill areas of the CM Examination and the allowed time to take the test:

	Multiple- Choice	Time
Skill Area	Questions	Limit
Interpersonal Skills – focuses on the	120	120 minutes
knowledge and application of:		
• Leadership principles,		
• Leadership styles,		
• Recruitment,		
• Selection,		
• Training,		
• Appraisal,		
Motivation,		
Organizational change,		
• Team interaction, and team dynamics		

# **How to Obtain an Application**

## **Applications**

To obtain an application for the Certified Manager examination, either the applicant or TCO may forward a written request (TCO uses official stationery) to:

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Phone: (703) 568-3247 Toll Free: 1-800-568-4120

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## How to Obtain an Application, Continued

# **Application Completion**

In addition to completing the application form, applicants should ensure that they:

- Provide evidence of qualifying educational achievements.
- Enclose letters documenting experience from each person named in the application under "Experience" or "References" with the application, or
- Mail them separately to reach the Institute office within 30 days after submission of the application.

# **Supplementary Materials**

Attach the following civilian and/or military supplementary material for verification of educational attainment and/or Service training:

- Copies of transcripts or degree, and/or
- Application for the Evaluation of Educational Experiences During Military Service, DD Form 295, for verification of Service training.

## **Program Materials and Assistance**

### Necessary Materials and Assistance

Contact ICPM directly for materials regarding the certification program. Address questions concerning the examination program in the following areas to ICPM in writing or by telephone to the address on page III-20-3:

- Applicant qualifications
- Education/training requirements, and
- Any matter related to the ICPM program.

## **Certification Criteria**

#### **Eligibility**

The Institute uses a point system to determine eligibility that:

- Calculates the applicants' eligibility points and completes the eligibility form to determine their designation level.
- Considers the application process as a career audit.
- Reviews education, experience, and professional references to determine the applicant's eligibility to sit. See the Application for specific details.

# Pass the Examination

In addition to meeting the certification criteria, applicants must pass all parts of the Certified Manager examination.

## **Certification Fees**

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The chart below identifies the fees for the ICPM certification program:

ICPM Area	Fee
Application Fee (nonrefundable)	\$50
Examination Fees	
• Part I	\$75
• Part II	\$75
• Part III	\$75
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Examination fees total \$225. APPLICANTS MUST TAKE AND PASS ALL THREE PARTS TO BE CERTIFIED.	

### **Billing**

Upon acceptance and approval of the application, ICPM will:

- Notify the applicant, and
- Send a bill for the test part(s) for which the applicant has applied.

Prior to testing, ICPM will provide TCOs a list of applicants who have remitted the required fees. No other personnel are allowed to sit for the examinations. NO TEST FEES ARE ACCEPTED AT THE TEST CENTERS.

## **Administration**

#### Military Administration

TCOS MAY ADMINISTER THE ICPM EXAMINATION TO ELIGIBLE ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND RESERVE COMPONENT PERSONNEL ON AN UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) BASIS UNLESS EXISTING MILITARY REGULATIONS PROVIDE OTHERWISE.

# TCOs Review Applications

TCOs should review the application forms supplied by ICPM before forwarding them to ICPM for examination orders.

#### Civilian Administration

DANTES test centers may administer the Certified Manager examination on an UNFUNDED (EXAMINEE PAYS) AND SPACE-AVAILABLE BASIS according to local command policy and Service regulations to:

- Retired military personnel
- Military family members
- Veterans, and
- U.S. Federal employees.

### Overseas Administration

TCOs overseas or with a deployed ship or squadron may select <u>a date</u> within the 10-day specified testing dates to administer <u>all</u> examinations to those scheduled to test.

### Concurrent Administration

Applicants sitting for a DANTES administration of the Certified Manager examination may not sit for the concurrent civilian administration.

## **Scoring**

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Forward completed examinations and all examination materials in the manner prescribed in Part I of this *Handbook* to:

#### **ICPM**

Attn: Lynn S. Powell James Madison University Harrisonburg, VA 22807

ICPM provides preaddressed, postage-paid envelopes for returning test materials.

# **Examination Results**

ICPM notifies examinees directly of pass/fail and qualifications for certification. TCOs are notified that scores have been provided to examinees.

## Refunds

#### Refunds

ICPM will not refund any application fees.

Individuals may elect to defer sitting for the ICPM examination provided they give written notice at least 1 month prior to the scheduled test date.

## **Certificate Maintenance**

### Certification Maintenance

Certification maintenance is required every 5 years through evidence of completion of 50 hours of additional training during the 5-year period.

#### **Renewal Seal**

The Institute provides a renewal seal for each 5-year period when satisfactory documentation is acknowledged.

## **Problems**

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If information pertaining to the examination is not received in a timely manner, please contact ICPM.

## **Security**

**Test Loss or Compromise** 

Refer to Part I of the *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH)* for complete instructions if there is an ICPM test loss or compromise.

Contact DANTES <u>immediately</u> and refer to specific Service regulations for complete procedures. DANTES address is:

DANTES Phone: (850) 452-1360
Code 20F DSN: 922-1360
6490 Saufley Field Road Fax: (850) 452-1161

Pensacola, FL 32509-5243

## Web Pages and E-mail Addresses

DANTES Web Address Access the DANTES Web pages at: <a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil">http://www.dantes.doded.mil</a>

ICPM Web Address Access the ICPM web page at <a href="http://cob.jmu.edu/icpm">http://cob.jmu.edu/icpm</a>.

DANTES Email Address The DANTES Certification Program E-mail address is certprog@voled.doded.mil.